GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Financial Assistance to Patients
Noor Smt. Mausam

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) details of various schemes operate by the Government to provide financial assistance to patients in the Above Poverty Line (APL) category; and

(b) whether the Government has decided to relax the ceiling of annual income for including financially backward general category individuals and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): Department of Health & Family Welfare provides financial assistance, to poor patients whose annual family income is less than Rs. 1,25,000/-, under the scheme Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG).

(b): The ceiling limit of annual family income for eligibility for financial assistance extended under HMDG Scheme has been enhanced from Rs. 1,00,000/- to Rs. 1,25,000/-, with effect from 15-07-2016. As per the existing guidelines financial assistance is granted to the patient - (a) Rs.75,000/-, if the estimated cost of treatment is upto Rs.1,25,000/-; (b) Rs.1,00,000/- if the estimated cost of treatment is above Rs.1,25,000/- and upto Rs.1,75,000/- and (c) Rs.1,25,000/- if the estimated cost of treatment is above Rs.1,75,000/-.